

Assembly Bill No. 1498

CHAPTER 958

An act relating to school instruction.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1498, Ducheny. Outdoor science programs.

Existing law authorizes the governing board of any school district or a county superintendent of schools to conduct an outdoor science education and conservation education program or class.

The bill would establish eligibility criteria for a residential outdoor science program and would require the Superintendent of Public Instruction to apportion, subject to appropriation of funds for that purpose, to each school district or county office of education that operates a residential program, an amount of \$10 per eligible participating pupil per day of participation.

This bill would declare that its purpose is to implement the Budget Act of 1999.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. (a) A residential outdoor science program shall be eligible for funding pursuant to this act if it meets both of the following conditions:

(1) It is operated by a school district or county office of education pursuant to Article 5 (commencing with Section 8760) of Chapter 4 of Part 6 of the Education Code.

(2) It meets the standards of the Residential Outdoor Science School (ROSS) Guide and maintains current California Department of Education ROSS certification.

(b) An eligible residential outdoor science program may claim apportionment for any pupil who meets all of the following conditions:

(1) The pupil is enrolled in a California public school.

(2) The pupil is enrolled in the fifth or sixth grade.

(3) The applicant has not previously received funding for the pupil pursuant to this act.

(4) The pupil participates in a minimum four day and three night program.

(5) The pupil is economically disadvantaged and meets the criteria of Section 49552 of the Education Code.

(c) The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall, subject to appropriation of funds for this purpose, apportion to each school district or county office of education that operates a residential outdoor science program pursuant to Article 5 (commencing with Section 8760) of Chapter 4 of Part 6 of the Education Code an amount equal to ten dollars (\$10), per eligible participating pupil multiplied by the total number of days of participation, up to a maximum of five days.

(d) The purpose of this act is to implement the Budget Act of 1999.

